



October 23, 2009

Ms. Anne Fritzel
Growth Management Services
Department of Commerce
Olympia, Washington

Dear Ms. Fritzel:

I am a member of the Downtown Transportation Alliance. The mission of the Alliance is to reduce drive-alone commute trips into downtown Seattle by 6 percentage points. That goal can be achieved only if we are successful in moving people out of cars and onto bicycles. And that can be accomplished only if we make it easy and convenient to commute by bicycle. And that, in turn, means we need facilities in downtown office buildings to accommodate the needs of bicyclists.

I am writing this letter to support the City of Seattle's application for an EETP planning grant to fund *Seattle Center City Bicycle Facilities Assessment and Program Development Plan*.

As stated above, increasing the number of bicycle commuters is vital to our goal of reducing drive-alone commute trips into downtown. If we succeed in converting drive-alone commuters to bicycle riders, we will reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.

The City's proposed assessment of private-sector bicycle facilities is a critical first step in the effort to convert drive-alone commuters to bicycle commuters. We need to know what kinds of facilities exist and what needs improvement.

As a property owner in downtown Seattle, Vulcan intends to support the project by sharing facilities data and encouraging other property owners to do the same.

I value the proposed project and urge you to fund the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lyn Tangen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lyn" and last name "Tangen" clearly distinguishable.

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